Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 21, the paragraph beginning at line 24:

--The following ~~step S613 is~~ <u>steps S612 and S613 are</u> a test ~~step~~ in which the counter i is first incremented <u>(step S612)</u> and then its value is compared with the number NB of stored images <u>(step S613)</u> with which the search is concerned.--

Page 23, the paragraph beginning at line 24:

--The following ~~step S627 is~~ <u>steps S626 and S627 are</u> a test ~~step~~ in which the counter i is first incremented <u>(step S626)</u> and then its value is compared with the number NB1 of stored images <u>(step S627)</u> selected during the filtering phase (FIG. 6a).--